

Dear Dr. William S. Stokes:

As a concerned citizen of this country, please accept the following comments as a part of the public response to your consideration of in vitro methods for assessing acute systemice toxicity.

NIEHS recommends using the non-animal method to set the starting dose for further animal- poisoning tests. While this may reduce the number of animals killed in acute poisoning studies, it does not go far enough. Government agencies should use in vitro cell culture tests to COMPLETELY REPLACE the use of animals in lethal dose tests.

Thanking you for your concern for all living creatures,

Pam Stevens